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Preface

The *Natural Gas Monthly* (NGM) is prepared in the Natural Gas Division, Office of Oil and Gas, Energy Information Administration (EIA), U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), under the direction of Joan E. Heinkel.

General questions and comments regarding the NGM may be referred to Ann M. Ducca (202) 586-6137. Specific technical questions may be referred to the appropriate persons listed in Appendix E.

The NGM highlights activities, events, and analyses of interest to public and private sector organizations associated with the natural gas industry. Volume and price data are presented each month for natural gas production, distribution, consumption, and interstate pipeline activities. Producer-related activities and underground storage data are also reported. From time to time, the NGM features articles designed to assist readers in using and interpreting natural gas information.

The data in this publication are collected on surveys conducted by the EIA to fulfill its responsibilities for gathering and reporting energy data. Some of the data are collected under the authority of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), an independent commission within the DOE, which has jurisdiction primarily in the regulation of electric utilities and the interstate natural gas industry. Geographic coverage is the 50 States and the District of Columbia.

Explanatory Notes supplement the information found in tables of the report. A description of the data collection surveys that support the NGM is provided in the Data Sources section. A glossary of the terms used in this report is also provided to assist readers in understanding the data presented in this publication.

All natural gas volumes are reported at a pressure base of 14.73 pounds per square inch absolute (psia) and at 60 degrees Fahrenheit. Cubic feet are converted to cubic meters by applying a factor of 0.02831685.

The Energy Information Administration (EIA) Solicits Comments Concerning its Natural Gas Surveys:

EIA issued a Federal Register Notice on March 29, 1999, soliciting public comments on proposed revisions and the extension of its natural gas surveys. This notice is available online at <http://www.eia.doe.gov/oss/ngconsul.html> or by request to Margaret Natof at EIA. Ms. Natof may be contacted by telephone at (202) 586-6303 or by email at margaret.natof@eia.doe.gov. Comments must be submitted by May 28, 1999.

The Energy Information Administration Solicits Comments Concerning its Natural Gas Information Program:

EIA issued a second Federal Register Notice on April 6, 1999 concerning its *Next Generation * Natural Gas* project. The project will design and implement a new, comprehensive information program for natural gas. This notice is available online at <http://www.eia.doe.gov>. Questions concerning the *Next Generation * Natural Gas* project may be directed to Ann Ducca by telephone at (202) 586-6137 or by email at ann.ducca@eia.doe.gov. Comments must be submitted by June 7, 1999.

Common Abbreviations Used in the Natural Gas Monthly

AGA	American Gas Association	IOGCC	Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission
Bbl	Barrels	LNG	Liquefied Natural Gas
BLS	Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor	Mcf	Thousand Cubic Feet
Bcf	Billion Cubic Feet	MMBtu	Million British Thermal Units
BOM	Bureau of Mines, U.S. Department of the Interior	MMcf	Million Cubic Feet
Btu	British Thermal Unit	MMS	United States Minerals Management Service, U.S. Department of the Interior
DOE	U.S. Department of Energy	NGL	Natural Gas Liquids
DOI	U.S. Department of the Interior	OCS	Outer Continental Shelf
EIA	Energy Information Administration, U.S. Department of Energy	STIFS	Short-Term Integrated Forecasting System
FERC	Federal Energy Regulatory Commission	STEO	Short Term Energy Outlook
		Tcf	Trillion Cubic Feet

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